

School: Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy B.A

Nationalism, Fascism, and Populism

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Course Description

"Fascism, Populism and Nationalism – Past and Present"
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Course Goals

One of the questions we pose in this course is whether the conceptual axiom that took root in the last twenty years – the end of ideologies and the triumph of liberal democracy is really true. Although the number of democracies had increased considerably in the last decades, we are still witnessing the beginning of a setback not only in the non-western world, but also in Europe. The increasing number of Radical Right Wing movements in Europe and their growing influence on their respective countries has led several scholars to rethink and wonder whether some of the political phenomena of the last 20 century have not returned. With the financial crisis in the European Union we are beginning to witness the return of nationalism, of populism and some would even say of neo fascism.

This course strives to put some order in this conceptualization, while tracing the origins of nationalism, fascism and populism. We will deal with the historical phenomena, ideological roots and political practice, and will try to analyze whether we are heading towards a more liberal world or back to the dark times of the 20th century. Whether the very idea of liberal democracy is viable or it is in steady process of decline.

Grading

1. Presence in class
 2. Active Participation
 3. One mid-term task: 20% of the final grade
 4. Final exam: 80% of the final grade
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Lecturer Office Hours

Schedule personally via e-mail

Teaching Assistant

Reading List

Weeks 1-2

The conceptualization challenge: What do we mean by fascism? What is the difference with nationalism and populism?

Stanley Payne, *Fascism, Comparison and Definition* (Wisconsin University Press, 1983) Ch.1 "What do we mean by Fascism" pp.3-21.

Britt, Laurence W. (2003) *Fascism anyone?* *Free Inquiry*; 23 (2), pp. 20-22.

Anthony Smith, *Nationalism in the Twentieth Century* (New York, New York University Press, 1979), Ch. 1.

Internet

http://www.anesi.com/Fascism-TheUltimateDefinition.htm#5._The_Ultimate_Definition

Weeks 3-4-5-6 Nationalism and Modernity

Anthony Marx, *Faith in Nation. Exclusionary Origins of Nationalism* (Oxford University Press, 2003) Ch. 1.

Walker Connor " A Nation is a Nation, is a State, is an Ethnic group is a .." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 1/4 1978, pp. 370-88.

Benedict Anderson *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism* (Verso, 1983) Introduction, Chapter 3 and Chapter 6.

Ernest Gellner *Nations and Nationalism*, (Blackwell: Oxford, 1983) Ch. 1+5.

Eric Hobsbawm Introduction: "Inventing Traditions and Mass Producing Traditions: Europe 1870-1914" in: Eric Hobsbawm and Terence Ranger Ed. *The invention of Tradition* (CUP, Cambridge, 1983) ch. 1 + ch. 7.

Weeks 7-8 Nationalism, the rebellion against Enlightenment and the early origins of fascism

Sternhell Zeev "Fascist ideology" in W. Laqueur ed. *Fascism: A Readers Guide*, (Penguin, 1976).

Gregor James, *Young Mussolini and the Intellectual Origins of Fascism* (University of California Press, 1979) pp 1-28, 74-100.

Griffin Roger *Modernism and Fascism*: (Palgrave, 2007) pp.1-31.

Week 9 Fascism in power: Reactionary, Racist, ...progressive?

Gupta Dipankar. *The Political Economy of Fascism*. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 12 (25), (1977), pp. 987-992.

Stollmann Rainer and Smith Ronald L. *Fascist Politics as a Total Work of Art: Tendencies of the Aesthetization of Political Life in National Socialism*. *New German Critique*, No. 14 (1978), pp. 41-60.

Week 10-11-12 The post liberal populist turn. Radical Right Wing Populism in Europe

Mouk Yascha. "Pitchfork Politics - The Populist Threat to Liberal Democracy" *Foreign Affairs* Vol 93 (5), 2014, pp. 27-36.

Weyland Kurt, *Clarifying a Contested Concept: Populism in the Study of Latin American Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, 34 (1), (2001). pp. 1-22.

Ignazzi Piero ("The Silent Counter-Revolution: Hypotheses on the Emergence of Right-Wing Parties in Europe," *European Journal of Political Research*, (1992), 22(1), pp. 3-34.

Mudde, Cas (2004): "The Populist Zeitgeist", *Government & Opposition*, 39(4): 541–63.

Duane Swank and H G Betz "Globalization, the Welfare State and right wing populism in Western Europe" *Socio Economic Review* (2003). Pp. 215-245.

Berezin Mabel "The Normalization of the Right in Post-Security Europe" Forthcoming in Armin Schaefer and Wolfgang Streeck (ed.) Politics in the Age of Austerity, (UK: Polity Press, 2011) 239-261.

Week 13 Debate: Is Populism good for democracy?

Margaret Canovan, "Trust the People! Populism and the Two Faces of Democracy," Political Studies 47 (1999).